

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CESAR ZAVALA-VASQUEZ,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 12CR3990WQH  
CASE NO. 13CV1109WQH

ORDER

HAYES, Judge:

The matter before the Court is the Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to vacate, set aside or correct sentence by a person in federal custody. (ECF No. 22). Defendant moves the court to vacate his conviction and sentence on the grounds that “in order for the Government to prosecute an alien with illegal reentry, the alien must be prosecuted with illegal entry and then he can be prosecuted with illegal reentry.” (ECF No. 22) The Court finds that the issues raised in the petition are appropriate for summary disposition.

**APPLICABLE LAW**

28 U.S.C. §2255 provides that “A prisoner under sentence of a court established by Act of Congress claiming the right to be released upon the ground that the sentence was imposed in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States, or that the court was without jurisdiction to impose such sentence, or that the sentence was in excess of the maximum authorized by law, or is otherwise subject to collateral attack, may move the court which imposed the sentence to vacate, set aside or correct the sentence.” A district court must summarily dismiss a § 2255 application “[i]f it plainly

1 appears from the motion, any attached exhibits, and the record of prior proceedings that  
2 the moving party is not entitled to relief.” Rule 4(b), Rules Governing Section 2255  
3 Proceedings for the United States District courts. When this standard is satisfied,  
4 neither a hearing nor a response from the government is required. *See Marrow v.*  
5 *United States*, 772 F.2d 525, 526 (9th Cir. 1985).

### 6 **RULING OF THE COURT**

7 In this case, the record conclusively shows that the Defendant has waived his  
8 right to bring a § 2255 motion. In exchange for the Government’s concessions in the  
9 plea agreement, the Defendant waived “to the full extent of the law, any right to appeal  
10 or to collaterally attack the conviction and sentence, except a post-conviction collateral  
11 attack based on a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel unless the Court imposes  
12 a custodial sentence above the high end of the guideline range recommended by the  
13 Government pursuant to this agreement at the time of sentencing.” (ECF No. 12 at 10).  
14 This waiver is clear, express and unequivocal. Plea agreements are contractual in  
15 nature, and their plain language will generally be enforced if the agreement is clear and  
16 unambiguous on its face. *United States v. Jeronimo*, 298 F.3d 1149, 1153 (9th Cir.  
17 2005).

18 At the time of sentencing, the Government recommended an adjusted offense  
19 level of 17 and a resulting guideline range of 46-57 months. (ECF No. 19). The  
20 Government recommended a sentence of 46 months. (ECF No. 19). The Court imposed  
21 a sentence of 46 months. (ECF No. 21 at 2). Pursuant to the terms of the plea  
22 agreement, the Defendant waived his right to collaterally attack the sentence imposed.

23 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion for time reduction by an inmate in  
24 federal custody under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (ECF No. 22) filed by the Defendant is denied.

25 DATED: May 23, 2013

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27 **WILLIAM Q. HAYES**  
28 United States District Judge